

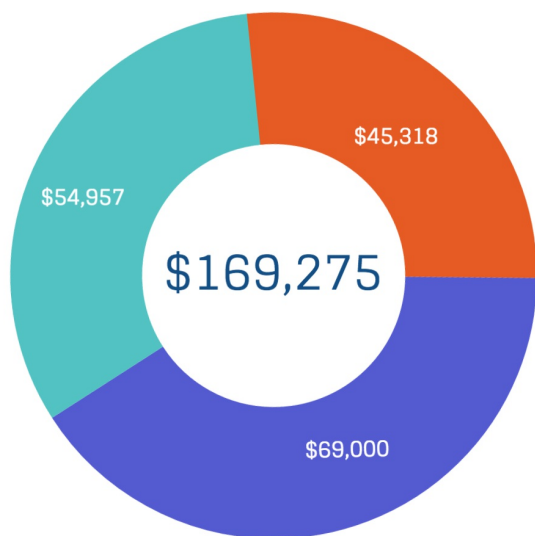
2016 Charles E. Shannon Community Safety Initiative FITCHBURG / GARDNER

Funded Partners

Fitchburg Police Department, Gardner Police Department, House of Peace & Education Inc., Montachusett Opportunity Council Family Resource Center, Mount Wachusett Community College, Shining Light Ministries, Inc., United Neighbors of Fitchburg, Inc.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts's Charles E. Shannon Community Safety Initiative (Shannon) is modeled after the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention's Comprehensive Gang Model (CGM). Shannon is a multi-sector approach used to address a community's gang and youth violence problem. Each community receiving Shannon funding demonstrates the presence of risk factors for youth and gang violence. In each Shannon community, partners implement strategies that align with the CGM and respond to community problems. These strategies include education and employment opportunities, case management and street outreach or intervention, positive youth development and recreation, and coordinating a law enforcement response through suppression. Shannon participants must be between the ages of 10-24 years, live in a high-risk area, and be high-risk or at-risk of becoming involved, or are currently involved, in gang activity. To learn more visit: <http://www.mass.gov/eopss/funding-andtraining/justice-and-prev/grants/shannon-csi/>

Funding Allocation



Shannon Strategies & Outcomes

Positive Youth Development & Recreation*



830

Participated in Positive Youth Development Programs

699

Developed Communication and Conflict Resolution Skills

Education & Employment



501

Participated in Education Programs

98

Completed a Subsidized Summer Employment Program

Suppression



49

Hot Spot Patrols Completed

10

Gang Members and High Impact Players Arraigned

346

Stayed Away from Gang Activity

131

Truant Participants Connected to Services

Community Mobilization



5,760

People Attended Events, Meetings, and Presentations

146

Community Events, Meetings, and Presentations Held

963 Total Youth Served

80.9%
At-Risk



Youth in danger of engaging in risky behavior or gang activity due to the presence of known risk factors such as exposure to gang affiliates in their home or community.

18.9%
High-Risk



Youth exposed to the same risk factors as at-risk youth, as well as additional risk factors such as school failure, dropping out, truancy, substance abuse, and gang involvement as an affiliate or member not yet participating in violent criminal activity.

0.2%
Proven-Risk



Youth who are perpetrators or victims of shooting or stabbing violence, and/or are known gang members.

 =10% of Youth Served

* Positive Youth Development refers to intentional efforts to provide opportunities for youth to enhance their interests, skills, and abilities.

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Community Risk Factors

	Massachusetts	Fitchburg	Gardner
Total Population (2015 Estimate)	6,794,422	40,545	20,333
Population Lives in Poverty	11.5%	19.4%	19.1%
Unemployment Rate	2.8%	5.2%	5.3%
Total Public School Population (2015-2016)	953,429	5,192	2,419
Economically Disadvantaged	27.4%	53.2%	44.3%
High School Dropout Rate	4.9%	10.0%	8.1%

Sources: www.census.gov/quickfacts; profiles.doe.mass.edu/; www.mass.gov/lwd/economic-data/

Fitchburg & Gardner's Gang Activity

255
Active and Former
Gang Members

50
Gang Members
Under 25 Years Old

As of 2016, Fitchburg Police Department identified 255 active and former gang members in the Fitchburg/Gardner area, of which 50 were under the age of 25. Massachusetts State Police reported the relocation of Blood gang members to the Fitchburg/Gardner area to establish firearms and narcotics trade. Narcotics detectives seized 907 pills, and approximately 5,000 grams of heroin and cocaine, combined. Gang activity in Fitchburg included shootings, larceny, counterfeiting, and motor vehicle theft.

5-Year Crime Trends for Young People Ages 14-24, 2011-2016

Massachusetts Simple Assaults

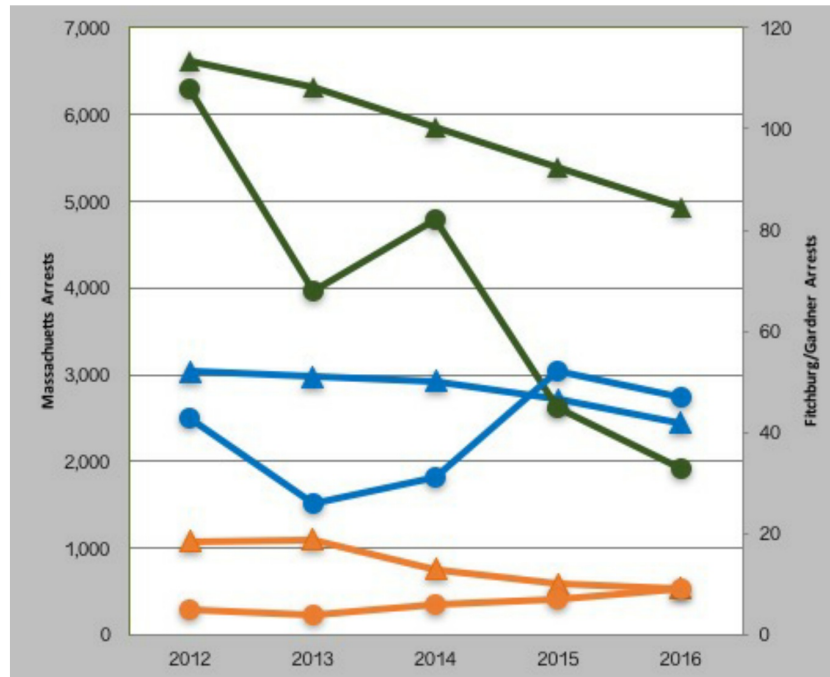
Simple assault arrests declined by 25.4% (1,678 arrests)

Massachusetts Aggravated Assaults

Aggravated assault arrests declined by 19.5% (592 arrests)

Massachusetts Robbery

Robbery arrests declined by 51.0% (549 arrests)



Fitchburg/Gardner Simple Assaults

Simple assault arrests declined by 69.4% (75 arrests)

Fitchburg/Gardner Aggravated Assaults

Aggravated assault arrests increased by 9.3% (4 arrests)

Fitchburg/Gardner Robbery

Robbery arrests increased by 80% (4 arrests)